

THE NEWS

Online News for all the Friends of Furry Friends JUNE 2020

Furry
Friends



Helping homeless and abused cats

Hello Friends,

Well the craziness continues but that doesn't slow us down. We have been adopting out cats as fast as we get them in. We have a number of cats that are waiting on medical procedures and once they are able to get those cats to the vet, then we can adopt them out. We also have 39 kittens keeping us busy, more about them below.



Barley



Smitty



Toffee



Ebesneezer

Adoptions

We have adopted out 17 cats from April 22 to May 30, 2020. Congratulations to Barley, Bobby, Cocoa, Demi Moore, Ebesneezer, Hugo, Little Kitty, Luna Roo, Mewtini, Paloma, Ruby, Sheena, Smitty, Tam O'Shanter, Tango, Toffee and Topper.

We would like to thank **Lori Landahl** who has been working so hard as our adoption coordinator. She has been the one meeting with the potential adopters. Lori knows our cats so well and is able to match people and cats together.



Sheena

Sheena adoption

Sheena has been with us for seven years. We decided that this girl needs a home other than the Halfway House. The lady that had adopted Gus Gus stepped up and wanted to give our Sheena a home. Sandy Bush talked with the lady and decided it was a perfect fit. We will miss our girl but we are so excited she has her very own home now. Her new mom says she has settled in nicely. She likes the closet for her sleeping spot.



Princess Buttercup

Maybelline

Alley

Ebesneezer

New Cats

During such times of uncertainty, it is vital that we all stand up and help each other when we can. That is what our Secretary/Treasurer, Margie McGhee, did when she learned that the Humane Society wasn't able to do adoptions back in April. Margie is the owner of a newer cat boarding facility called Cats Play While You're Away which has been heavily affected by the pandemic.

Having the empty spaces available she offered to board some of the Humane Society cats for free to give them a break from the HS facilities. She started with 15 cats and reached out to Furry Friends with an idea. Let's work together and get these cats homes! The Humane Society was more than willing to transfer the cats over to us so we could find them homes.

We ended up bringing in 11 cats: Ebesneezer, Albany, Bobby, Ruby, Bugbug, Alley, Princess Buttercup, Phoenix, Maybelline, Doodle, and Barley. Many of these cats have already been adopted! Margie is currently boarding HS cats that could use some additional socialization before they can be adopted. Clark County Today did a great story on the HS cats at Margie's Boarding facility, read more here

<https://www.clarkcountytoday.com/business/calming-cat-lady-comes-through-for-cat-community/>

It has been wonderful to have the resources to be able to step up and help out where we can. Furry Friends remains open for adoptions due to our already established appointment-only adoption approach.



Duchess



Charley



Hercules

Update on cats

Charley

Charley has a combination of FIV, kidney and cardiac issues. He is very sick. The meds for the heart work against the meds he needs for his kidneys. He is physically a mess and the poor little boy is only 3 years old. He is being cared for by JaspersKatz Sanctuary in Yelm, WA. Ron and Tami Saur provide hospice and care for special needs cats.

Duchess is being fostered by Andie McLaren right now since she has to be medicated every 12 hours for her hyperthyroid. Once the veterinarians are approved to do elective surgeries again, she will receive an iodine treatment which means she will not have to have the medication every 12 hours and she will be much more adoptable.

Hercules has been with us for some time now. He is very shy and has a number of medical issues. We have decided to see if we can find a home for him where the people are willing to give him what he needs. Hercules is a handsome, adorable, long-haired, buff tabby with special needs. He is very timid, so requires a quiet home and a soft-spoken guardian with a gentle touch and slow movements. He is FIV+, so must be the only kitty or share a home with another FIV+ or laid-back kitty. He seems to like other kitties, as he grunts or woofs at them as he passes by. It is so cute to watch and hear. One wonders if he is making friends, comforting, or reminding them that they each have their personal space. Hercules has stage 1 chronic kidney disease and must be on a prescribed kidney diet. He requires administration of SQ fluids once a week, which he is good about receiving. He is wary of strangers and commotion, but once he warms up likes to be softly petted & brushed and has a very loud purr. He will likely find places to hide in his new home, and you will need to patiently allow him some space and time before reaching out to him. He likes to hang out in a soft bed at the window or perch in a cat tree, where he is safe and can watch activity below. An adopter for this sweet fellow must be an experienced cat person. He needs a competent, accepting person to care for him and allow him to be the kitty he is. Then be prepared, Hercules will assuredly steal your heart.

Other cats in our care

The cats with medical conditions are what drive our expenses up so high, but it is part of our mission to do what we can to help the cats in our care. Some other medical issues that we will be taking care of will be: Gina is on meds for arthritis, Larry is on meds for high blood pressure, Starsky and Tigger are on the same meds for a possible virus causing their goopy eyes, Waffles needs surgery for a knee issue, and dental appointments are needed for Jane, Albany and Larry.



HELP! The kittens are eating us out of house and home.

We are caring for 39 kittens right now and their food bill is high. During the month of June we are asking for supplies to help out with the costs. Our kittens are not ready to be shown yet. As soon as people can see them, we will be posting lots of pictures. Here is our wish list.

- Pawdiculture Pet Nail Polish – non-toxic, it helps us identify kittens that look alike
- ProPlan wet kitten food
- Dry KMR milk replacement
- Natural Balance dry kitten food
- Gift cards to pet food stores
- Financial donations

You can drop off donations at Woodin' You Pampered Paws, 13305 NE Hwy 99 #102, Vancouver, WA 98686. Most items can be purchased locally at PetSmart & Petco. Or you can order online from chewy.com or Amazon.com. You can have it shipped direct to our mailing address which is 6715 NE 63rd St., Suite 450, Vancouver, WA 98661. Or you can always make a financial donation at <https://furryfriendswa.org/donate/> Questions: information@furryfriendswa.org or (360) 993-1097



Tina Starks and Demi Moore

We thought this photo by Jaimie Garver says it all. This is dedication. Tina has been coming to do her shift at the Halfway House following protocol and making sure that everything is extra clean. Demi Moore thought she would supervise Tina's work one more time before she left for her new home.



We are taking all the safety precautions we can at the Halfway House. We thought that Julie Goldbeck looked so cute in her matching mask and apron hugging Bugbug.



In the spotlight: Abi Harrington

Abi has been volunteering with Furry Friends since October of 2018. She jumped in with both feet and we are amazed at all she does for the kitties. She has a heart of gold. When you email us at the information@furryfriendswa.org email address, she is the one on the other end receiving it. We treasure this girl and are so happy that she is with us. Here is what Abi has to say about herself.

“I spend probably somewhere in the neighborhood of 20 hours per week on just the emails, sometimes more. I also keep our cat waitlist, coordinate intakes, manage the voicemail team, go out and do emergency pickups and other transport of kitties (i.e., if owners don't drive and need to relinquish, or when someone contacts us about kittens they've found). I also do quite a lot of cat trapping. All in all, I often spend 30 plus hours each week on Furry Friends work. When I'm doing big trapping projects, I might spend a good deal more. Read more on our website <https://furryfriendswa.org/in-the-spotlight-abi-harrington/>



Furry Friends Adoption Fees Have Increased

Adoption Fee Increase

Effective May 1, 2020 the adoption fee for a kitten under one year old is \$130, cats over one year old are \$100 (the cost for one adult cat stayed the same) for one, a second cat/kitten adopted at the same time is 50% off. Persons at least 65 years of age who adopt a cat over 5 years old will receive a \$25 discount.

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Spring Online Auction

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Results from the
Furry Friends Giving Tuesday
Fundraiser and
Help Meowt Auction

Giving Tuesday and Help Meowt Auction Results

We are pleased to announce that the Giving Tuesday Fundraiser and our FIRST EVER Help Meowt Online Auction was a big success bringing in \$10,325.00 from the two events for the kitties! This will help us out quite a bit with the medical expenses and the current cats in our care that require a lot of medical attention. We have many cats right now that are just waiting to finish all their medical care, and then they will be ready for adoption.

We would like to offer a heartfelt thank you to everyone that participated in these events. It is when we come together, as a community that we can make a big impact on the people and the pets that we love.



Hairy Pawter
ONLINE Auction
Furry Friends Fundraiser

September 12th to 19th, 2020
Details www.FurryFriendsWa.org

Hairy Pawter Auction to go online

We have made the decision to switch to an online auction this year. It will be held September 12th to 19th and we are looking for items. We have a wish list on AmazonSmile of items we are hoping to acquire for our upcoming Furry Friends Hairy Pawter auction. Please take a look and see if there is anything you would like to donate to the auction. All funds made at the auction go to the care and housing of the cats.

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2U8IJMWPk1TJ4?ref=wl_share

Make sure you link your Amazon purchases to Furry Friends Amazon Smile account so we will receive a portion of your purchase amount.

https://smile.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/dl/invite/djMZeYO?ref=cm_sw_em_r_wl_dp_JKNt0LpKY042J

Online Purchases

When purchasing something online for the cats and kittens, you can always have it shipped direct to our mailing address: 6715 NE 63rd Street, Suite 450, Vancouver, WA 98661. Chewy.com and Amazon Smile smile.amazon.com/ are good online sources for some of these items.

If you have questions about the auction or would like to donate an item, contact Lisa Baxter auction@furryfriendswa.org or at (360) 993-1097 for items, and Chris Nash ffauction@icloud.com for auction questions.

Hairy Pawter

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Thank you, Portland Local 8 Federal Credit Union

We would like to thank Portland Local 8 for becoming a Silver sponsor for Furry Friends. Their CEO is also our Furry Friends president Jaimie Garver. They are a not-for-profit financial cooperative that is owned, controlled, and operated for the benefit of their members. They are located at 2435 NW Front Ave Suite A, Portland, OR 97209. You can find out more about them at www.pdx8fcu.com or for more info contact cu@pdxfcu.com or 503-223-9306.



Vet Tech Needed

Please Help. We are in desperate need of additional vet tech help. Our current volunteer vet tech Sandy Bush has worked tirelessly for about 9 years and can't put in the hours like she used to. If you know of someone who has held a veterinary technician license at some point, we would really like to talk to them. Have them contact us at information@furryfriendswa.org or (360) 993-1097.

Read more about it here <https://furryfriendswa.org/cats-in-need-of-a-vet-tech/>



Furry Friends receives a number of memorial donations in honor of cats and pets that have crossed over the rainbow bridge. We have also received donations in honor of human loved ones that have passed. We are honored that our kitties can be the recipients of these gifts of love. If you would like to make a donation, you can securely do it on our website at <https://furryfriendswa.org/donate/>. Or a check can be sent to our mailing address at 6715 NE 63rd St., Suite 450, Vancouver, WA 98661.

- Michael and Janette Reid made a donation in memory of **Marilyn Forker**, another Furry Friends volunteer that has recently passed.
- Our dear friend and fellow volunteer, Lisa Sandstrom, has passed away. Many people knew and loved her. This makes us sad beyond belief. Many people have donated to Furry Friends in her honor. You can read more about it in her obituary. <https://obits.columbian.com/obituaries/columbian/obituary.aspx?n=elizabeth-sandstrom-lisa&pid=196079592&fbclid=IwAR2tuFH-n7ZuiF3svxDipFM1N3w00VJsAFuL66iMV57kG8VwnnRlzhJowfQ>
- Ellen Schroeder donated in memory of Pepper and Jubie.
- Anne Purner donated in memory of Kitty Purner



Thank you Davidson & Associates Insurance

Davidson & Associates Insurance held a Referral Rewards Partner drive for us during the month of May! We will receive a donation of \$25 for every person that was referred to them for a free insurance quote (personal, business, or life and disability insurance) during the month of May. They are still tallying the totals, we will report next month on how much this fundraiser brought in. Meanwhile, take a look at this interview they did with our marketing director Diane Stevens <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XSCLtzRRCs&feature=youtu.be>



Furry Friends in the news

We have had a lot of media coverage lately.

- 5-4-20 Clark County Today ran our Giving Tuesday/online auction article.
https://www.clarkcountytoday.com/local_news/furry-friends-celebrates-givingtuesday-by-pledging-to-raise-7500-for-medical-expenses/
- 5-3-20 The Columbian – Giving Tuesday story. FF is included in this story.
<https://www.columbian.com/news/2020/may/03/giving-tuesday-now-a-may-spinoff-of-a-holiday-tradition-in-clark-county-globally/>
- 5-1-20 The Messenger – 2 articles. One on Giving Tuesday the other on Pet Preparedness. No online links for this publication.
- 5-1-20 Boomer Magazine page 8 – Pet preparedness during COVID-19
https://issuu.com/nwboomerandseniornews/docs/p10956_nsn_05mp-met_2020
- 4-29-20 The Reflector-Open for adoptions during COVID-
http://www.thereflector.com/eedition/page_2221050d-19fc-5fbf-8db4-fdea97be9c8a.html

Coronavirus Update





Furry Friends is still open for cat adoptions!

- Supporter Updates
- Volunteer Info
- Adoption News



Please visit our Covid-19 resource page on our web for more information <https://furryfriendswa.org/covid19/>



We would like to thank Skout Organic Snacks for thinking of our volunteers. They supplied these yummy goodies for us. Here is a note from their marketing manager. "We're so happy we're able to provide snacks to you and the other volunteers at Furry Friends. We hope that you're staying safe and healthy and we appreciate everything you do at Furry Friends!

Thanks,
Mark Collis | Director of Marketing
 skoutorganic.com



Thank you Aloha Natural Pet

Wow, board member [Dena Hugh](#) just picked up 37 cases of dry cat food from [Aloha Natural Pet Supply](#). That was so generous of them. A couple years ago they gave us about \$1,000 worth of cat litter. They have been very good to us.

If you are in the Ridgefield area, stop in at Aloha and say thank you from Furry Friends. 759 S. 74th Place, Ridgefield, WA 98642 <http://alohanaturalpetsupply.com/>

Ongoing Resources

- **FF T-Shirts & Merchandise** <https://www.teepublic.com/user/furryfriends>
- **Furry Friends Facebook page for daily news** <https://www.facebook.com/furryfriendswa/>
- **Drop off location for items:**
 - **Woodin' You Pampered Paws**, 13305 NE Hwy 99 #102, Vancouver, WA 98686, a fabulous pet care store located in Salmon Creek. The store is open Monday thru Friday from 9am-7pm and Saturday from 9am-6pm.
 - When purchasing something online for the cats and kittens, you can always have it shipped direct to our mailing address: 6715 NE 63rd Street, Suite 450, Vancouver, WA 98661.

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Furry Friends is dependent on the kindness of others to keep us going. Our sponsors have been a tremendous support to us, not only financially but they have also given their time and have worked on projects with us. They are passionate about helping the kitties.

If you would like to find out more about being a sponsor and to see what benefits you can have by being a member of this elite group, take a look on our website furryfriendswa.org/sponsors/

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The Executive Committee: This board is the governing body responsible for the operation of Furry Friends. Members are all volunteers and meet once a month. Feel free to contact any member of the committee if you have questions, comments or suggestions at information@furryfriendswa.org or leave a message at (360) 993-1097.

Jaimie Garver, President, Operations, Community Events, Grants, Financials

Linda Rader, Vice President and Adoption/Foster Coordinator

Diane Stevens, Public Relations and Marketing, auction, social media, newsletters, photography, creative director

Marci Koski, Feline behaviorist

Margie McGhee, Secretary and Treasurer

Dena Hugh, Foster assistant

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Other Leadership:

Sandi Long, Grants, property management

Malinda Goldbeck, Volunteer Coordinator

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Marion Edwards, Yard maintenance, adoption events, lead socializer

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